The State of New Jersey

Statewide Voter Registration System

Weekly Executive Status Report

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Status of Functional Areas

I. Functional Development:

a. County Back-up Solution:
All twenty-one county servers continue to operate normally. Replication activities are adding a layer of complexity that is complicating the scripted data fixes. However, the fixes continue to be made. Once the data changes have been completed, the system will fall into a normal operational mode. All Printing and Replication functions continue to run as designed. Administrator manuals detailing the process are still in final update, due to other priorities. They will be completed this coming week.

The backup regimen for the county servers is still being studied to determine if full back-ups can be taken nightly, rather than incrementally. The new tape drivers are processing the back-ups much more quickly than the previous drivers. Directives will be issued to the county IT staff, if a change in the process is warranted.

b. Public Access Website:
Phase 1A is running in Production with the most recent changes applied. Phase 1B will add Polling Place hours and sample ballot images to the site. Release date for Phase 1B is yet to be determined. The FRD for Phase 1B, with corrections from State comments, was reviewed by the State and approved on Thursday of this week.

Phase 2 will provide access to SVRS information specific to a given voter, such as basic personal information (no phone#, DL#, or SSNo will be listed) and voter history. Logon security will be required to access this part of the website. The lack of verifiable data from the legacy systems required a creative solution to validating the logons. Final FRD is still being compiled. Sign-off of the final design will determine the expected release date.

A Phase 3 will provide a web space for final vote results to be posted, similar to newspaper summaries after the results are certified. Counties will be responsible for updating the result tables, after the elections are certified. Format of the results tables must be provided by the State.

c. Application Defects:
The defect list in SWP has been cleared, with any remaining open issues moved to JIRA. Open issues are being cleared, if possible. The active issues in JIRA are now being reported and summarized in a combined Development Status report sheet. HelpDesk issues are also being added, both by the HelpDesk, resulting from calls, and by the users, through the JIRA tool itself. Data issues are being validated by the counties. Application issues, once fixed, are assigned to the State for final closure. A summary of non-closed JIRA issues is provided in the next section.

d. Project Issues:
The summary of active issues for the project management is listed below.
Active issues include those that are open, or recently closed. No changes from last week.

Issue Summary	
Total Issues in Log	18
Open Issues in Log	1
Closed Issues in Log	17
High Priority Issues	8
Medium Priority Issues	9
Low Priority Issues	1

II. Direct Impact Agencies (DIA's):

All DIA interfaces are running normally. MVC and SSA matches are being made real time. Any matchings that fail to be made are logged and rerun in a nightly batch job. Similarly, the Deaths and Felon matchings to newly entered records are also run nightly. Any apparent matches are posted to the users' Reminders.

Implementation Issues

I. Go-Live Issues:

All issues found by the CM teams during each county's Go-Lives are being worked with those counties by the assigned Go-Live team member. Due to the Holiday, the regular list of open issues and "City of None" counts was not updated today. The chart will be updated and sent tomorrow.

Once resolved, data issues are confirmed with the counties and closed by the Go-Live team. The number of open and resolved items is rapidly declining. The "City of None" results are being reduced with scripts, where possible. More scripts are to be executed this weekend in Production. However, the remainder of these issues must be worked down by the county staff.

II. Data Conversion:

Aradyme continues to work problems found in converting the counties' legacy data, as the counties review their data. In some cases incomplete legacy files were submitted and in others the data mappings were not accurate. The Go-Live Team has been reporting issues as they are discovered.

The Saber DBA assigned to this effort continues to provide scripts to help counties clean up their "City of None" files. He also assists in transforming data moved into the wrong fields or incorrectly formatted during the initial conversions. These activities are beyond the normal scope of the conversion process, but are being provided as a service to the counties.

III. Hardware Issues:

All reported issues have been corrected on-site by the Saber support technician. Additional staffing is being sought to ensure adequate response times are always met.

IV. Crystal Reports:

The duplicate database is now in place on each county database server for ad hoc reporting. Logons have been set-up to provide read-only access to this database, so the users can generate their ad hoc reports. The State will forward this information to each county administrator, along with their copy of Crystal Reports.

V. Training:
A plan for additional on-site support is being developed and will be implemented once most of the Go-Live data issues are corrected and validated. At least one more day of on-site support is scheduled for each of the 54 county elections offices to assist them in preparing for the November general election. Some of those visits will begin next week.

Enhancements to the System

I. Reports:
The list of statewide reports required for the Division of Elections has been completed by the Development Team and will be moved into UAT for State testing. Some details are being updated in the report definitions. Once determined to be acceptable, they will be moved into Production.

The list of additional reports requested for the counties is also being defined and assigned to the developers. More of these are now in UAT.

II. Change Requests (CCR's):
Enhancement CCR's have recently been submitted to the State for multiple changes to the Poll Worker, Voter registration, Inquiries, Absentee Voter, Elections and Provisional Ballots, and Cards modules. CCR #124 (Voter Registration changes) went into UAT last night. Eight new enhancements were requested by the State for the general election. Four have been approved, but the remainder can't be approved until the additional State waiver for additional funds is signed off by the Treasury Department. Several additional CCR's are still being estimated.